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SUBJECT: CODEL HAYAKAWA

1. SENATOR HAYAKAWA AND PARTY ARRIVED GABORONE AS SCHEDULED MID-AFTERNOON MAY 31 IN TIME FOR EMBASSY BRIEFING AND DINNER ATTENDED BY THREE KEY GOB OFFICIALS OF PRESIDENT'S OFFICE AND MINEXTAFF. AT SENATOR'S REQUEST, JUNE 1 PROGRAM WAS AMENDED TO INCLUDE 90-MINUTE TOUR OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH STATION UNDER GUIDANCE OF AMCIT AG SPECIALIST. THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY AN HOUR'S MEETING WITH VICE PRESIDENT MASIRE, MEETING WITH SPEAKER OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND TOUR OF PARLIAMENT, CONCLUDING WITH SMALL LUNCH FOR FIVE (MINEXTAFF MOGWE, PERMSEC MPOTOKWANE, THE SENATOR, HIS AA GENE PRAT AND MYSELF). MEETING WITH PRES. KHAMA AT 3:30 P.M. PRECEDED CODEL'S DEPARTURE ON 5:30 P.M. FLIGHT TO JOHANNESBURG.

2. INITIAL EXCHANGES HERE WITH SENATOR AND HIS PARTY REFLECTED THEIR TWO DAYS OF TALKS IN SALISBURY (INCLUDING MEETINGS WITH MUZOREWA, SITHOLE AND DAVID SMITH); THE SENATOR'S BIAS REPORTED PRETORIA 3074 WAS EVIDENT. SENATOR HAYAKAWA AND
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PRAT READILY REFERRED TO OPPOSITION ENCOUNTERED IN SALISBURY TO ALL-PARTIES CONFERENCE (WHICH CODEL APPEARED TO SHARE) AND MAINTAINED THE VIEW THAT IAN SMITH HAD CHANGED ATTITUDE OR, AS A MINIMUM, THAT IT WOULD BE WRONG NOT TO ALLOW FOR THIS POSSIBILITY.

3. IN THE COURSE OF DISCUSSIONS, SEVERAL CODEL MEMBERS SHOWED UNFAMILIARITY WITH RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN RHODESIA. FOR EXAMPLE, GENE PRAT HAD NOT HEARD OF HOVE INCIDENT OR GUTU SHOOTINGS (GABORONE 1460 AND PRETORIA 2887). PRAT SHOWED CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN OUTLINE OF EVENTS AND POSSIBLE POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME INJECTING QUESTIONS AS TO WHETHER I BELIEVED THESE EVENTS HAD OCCURRED. FROM PRAT'S REACTION HE SEEMED SOMEWHAT TAKEN ABACK. REV. MORGAN WAS PREPARED, ON THE OTHER HAND, TO ACCEPT THE EXISTENCE OF DIVISIONS AND FLAWS IN SALISBURY GROUP AND EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

4. I MENTION THE ABOVE AS INDICATION THAT BRIEFERS IN LUSAKA SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT TAKE FOR GRANTED THAT CODEL IS CURRENTLY INFORMED AND TO SUGGEST THAT HOVE INCIDENT IS A SPECIFIC OPENING WHERE DOUBTS MIGHT BE REINFORCED.

5. SUBSTANCE OF CODEL'S MEETINGS WITH VICE PRESIDENT AND PRESIDENT BEING REPORTED SEPTEL.

6. CODEL SCHEDULED ARRIVE LUSAKA AT 1400 HOURS JUNE 2.
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